IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

WEEKS et al.

Serial No.: 09/055,145

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"METHODS AND MATERIALS

FOR MAKING AND USING TRANSGENIC DICAMBA-**DEGRADING ORGANISMS"**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on March 10, 2003, thereby extending the period for response from June 10, 2003, to September 10, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$930 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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